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President's Message

Pamela Arends-King, *City of Tustin*



The Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) annual conference in Minneapolis, MN was very informative and I really enjoyed the networking opportunities. I was very excited to see Pauline Marx, our CSMFO Past President, get appointed to the GFOA Executive Board. Congratulations Pauline!

It is interesting to talk to other peers and learn from the sessions how different each state is in regards to what municipalities, special districts, counties and states are responsible for compared to California. One session discussed financing, cash flow needs and planning for capital projects. The Budget Manager from Plano, Texas spoke and I found it interesting how that city was able to finance major capital projects over the last 20 years by issuing over tens of millions of dollars in bonds that were approved by the voters and are paid through an increase in their property taxes...[Continue Reading](#)

Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, *CAE*



The 2015 CSMFO Annual Conference Host Committee met for the first time on Friday, May 30. It was a relatively short meeting but planning is already well underway, with some great theme ideas and fun, casual concepts for the Thursday night event!

I'm also excited to report that over 300 room nights have already been reserved. So many of you are just as thrilled as we are to be back in Monterey! ...[Continue Reading](#)

Special Financing Districts:

An Introduction to Special Assessments and Special Taxes Primer

The 2014 revision of the Special Financing Districts primer, written by NBS Managing Director Tim Seufert, is now available. The revision features new Prop 26 additions and an article by well-experienced industry attorney, Kelly Salt of Best, Best & Krieger. Kelly provides an in-depth overview of the "Legal Considerations for Levying Special Assessments."

Order FREE hard copies for yourself and staff by calling 800.676.7516 or sending an e-mail with your order to contactnbs@nbsgov.com. The primer is also available to download from the NBS website: www.nbsgov.com/expertise/publications.

Save the Date

CSMFO Annual Conference

February 18-20, 2015 | *Monterey, CA*

CSMFO is excited to visit beautiful Monterey Bay for our 2015 Annual Conference! The Monterey Conference Center and the Portola Plaza Hotel are both located in downtown Monterey.



Chapter Meetings

Channel Counties Chapter Meeting

– June 5

The Coleman Update

– *Speaker: Michael Coleman, Fiscal Policy Advisor for League of California Cities & CSMFO*

Orange County & CMTA Division 9 Meeting

– June 19

Strength in Numbers

– *Speakers: Carolyn Emery, Ken Lee & Ben Legbandt of Orange County LAFCO*

Central Los Angeles & South Bay Chapters Meeting

– June 26

Fair Labor Standards Act

– *Speaker: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore*

Education Opportunities

Introduction - Governmental Accounting - Ukiah, CA

– June 11, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Ahmed Badawi - Badawi & Associates

Introduction - Governmental Accounting - Menlo Park, CA

– June 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Ahmed Badawi - Badawi & Associates

Intermediate Governmental Accounting - Indio, CA

– July 31, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Instructor: Susan Mayer

Cashier & Supervisor Training Classes - San Mateo, CA

– August 4, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Instructor: Laurie Steele, PTI Instructor and Treasurer, Marion County, Oregon

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– August 5, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Instructor: Laurie Steele, PTI Instructor and Treasurer, Marion County, Oregon

Career Center

Assistant Finance Director/Accountant, Fillmore

Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$95,000/year

Application Deadline: June 23, 2014

Manager, Budgets, San Mateo County Transit District

Salary Range: \$97,627 - \$141,558/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Senior Accountant, City of Laguna Woods

Salary Range: \$32.48-\$45.47/hour

Application Deadline: June 30, 2014

Chief Financial Officer, Roberts Consulting Group, Inc.

Salary Range: Open DOQ

Application Deadline: June 23, 2014

Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services, City of Hemet

Salary Range: \$165,000/year DOQ

Application Deadline: June 19, 2014

Accountant, City of Colton

Salary Range: \$52,443 - \$63,746/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accountant, Alameda County Transportation Commission

Salary Range: \$69,824 - \$90,772/year

Application Deadline: June 9, 2014

Controller / Finance Director, City of Fresno

Salary Range: \$120,000 - \$160,404/year

Application Deadline: June 9, 2014

Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager, City of Berkeley

Salary Range: \$7,727 - \$9,855/month

Application Deadline: June 10, 2014

Finance Director, Avery Associates

Salary Range: \$121,296 - \$147,444/year

Application Deadline: June 13, 2014

Accountant, California Domestic Water Company

Salary Range: \$50,789 - \$68,556/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director, City of San Bruno

Salary Range: \$137,304 - \$168,492/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director, City of Rohnert Park Human Resources

Salary Range: 108,034 - \$131,376/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director, Clearlake

Salary Range: \$6,957 - \$8,456/month

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Senior Analyst, City of San Jose

Salary Range: \$75,982 - \$92,560/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Welcome New Members!

Check out the 14 new members that joined CSMFO during the month of May.



CHAPTER CHAIR SPOTLIGHT

Monica Lo,
City of Whittier,
Central LA Chapter

Coaching Corner

Want to help shape the future of local government financial reporting?

GASB wants your input. A [survey](#) is open to government preparers until June 6, 2014.

Let your voice be heard.

Upcoming CSMFO Webinars

"What Finance Professionals Need to Know about HR"

– June 26, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Webinar Topics:

1. What are the key things you need to know about HR?
2. What are the critical issues where finance professionals and HR need to collaborate closely?
3. How can you enhance working relationships for the benefit of all?

Presenters:

- Russ Branson, retired Admin. Services Director, Asst. City Manager, Roseville, CA
- Jon Holtzman, partner, Public Law Group

Pricing Alternatives for Recycled Water

As of January 2014, California is entering its third straight year of drought conditions and facing severe statewide emergency water restrictions. This underscores the growing need for recycled water supplies and emphasizes the challenges facing water and wastewater agencies with existing water reuse systems. One of those challenges is how to appropriately price recycled water, particularly in light of recent court decisions that have effectively placed new restrictions on pricing alternatives...[Continue Reading](#)